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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-12, 14, 15, 28, 30-36 and 43 are pending in the application. Claim 28 is currently amended. Claims 44 and 46 have been cancelled.

Claims 44-46 have been cancelled, without prejudice, in response to the Examiner having withdrawn these claims from consideration in the office action dated August 1, 2002.

Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants' attorney respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance in this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account 14-0460. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' representative, Paul White, earnestly requests a telephone call at (303) 384-7575.

Respectfully submitted

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